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THE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVES' SITUATIONA. General Account of National Conference

On 10 June 1946 the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives National Organization held a planning conference in Shanghai. More than 20 persons attended, among them H. H. Kung, Heng Li-wu, the Bishop of Hong-Kong Ho Min-hua (Ronald Hall), Mrs Ai-sai, Nie Pi-li, etc. Chairman Kung opened the meeting, explaining how in wartime the cooperatives engaged in production. Then, Heng Li-wu, general secretary of the auxiliary, read aloud a letter from Premier Soong explaining the Projects conference and the plan for the entire work of cooperatives, so there would be progress in cooperatives' activity throughout the country. Last there were reports from local cooperatives' staffs, the international auxiliary, etc. According to the Yen-hui Pao of 11 June, the assembly then divided into five groups to discuss: (1) policy and administration, (2) finance, (3) skills and activities, (4) rebuilding of cooperative societies, and (5) education, training, and organization. The assembly discussion led to the following decisions on national works:

1. To set up work centers in secondary cities, border regions, and market towns
2. To strengthen the basis and organization of the original cooperatives
3. To support as much as possible the cooperatives in the northwest, southwest, and southeast.

The meeting was to last 3 days; it closed 12 June.

B. Accomplishments

According to the Yen-hui Pao of 13 June, one of the officials stated that this meeting accomplished the following:

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1. An over-all national plan for the industrial cooperatives was decided on. The original cooperatives will be thoroughly overhauled. Hitherto they were geared to the war, so their organization may have been incomplete. Now, in the postwar period, their activities must be altered. Hereafter, the development of cooperatives will be pushed in small cities and villages, and the types of work will be lessened and efforts concentrated, activity being determined by the abundance of local raw materials. The Northwest will emphasize wool and cotton weaving, furs and leather; South Shensi will specialize in chemical industries, wood-oil and leather; the Southeast, paper, camphor, fishing, leather, burlap, pottery; the Southwest, paper, leather, lumber, small machinery.

2. In recovered areas, organization of cooperatives will be pushed as rapidly as possible. In Honan, Hunan, and Hupeh they will cooperate with UNRRA.

3. Activities will be improved. There will be a national central purchasing and marketing agency, serving factories in various places, to market the products of the cooperatives so as to buy materials for the supply of the machines (factories).

4. Local committees on technical projects will be set up. These will promote the training of technical staffs, through schools or by part-time study in the cooperatives.

5. The chief of central activities will be strengthened financially. The original four northwest treasuries, the southwest trust offices, and the southeast joint credit unions will be unified.

C. Financial Needs and Prospects

The official also said that the nation's cooperatives needed about 3 billion yuan this year. The government has been asked for a loan, and money is being raised abroad through an international committee. The famous American Aid Group for Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (Indaco Inc) has already obtained a large fund. It will purchase trucks and implements in America to be shipped to China. The first shipment of six trucks has already arrived.

D. Current Financial Status

At present there are 336 industrial cooperatives in the entire nation with a subscribed capital of 76,573,214 yuan and loans of 113,630,478 yuan. Monthly production amounts to 466,738,933 yuan.

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